## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 444**

By Carr

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Hannah Maurice upon being named the Boys & Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains Youth of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Hannah Maurice, who was recently named the Boys & Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, established in 1947, the Youth of the Year is the Boys & Girls Clubs' premier recognition program for club members, promoting service to club, community, and family; academic success; strong moral character; life goals; and poise and public speaking ability; and

WHEREAS, the Youth of the Year program recognizes members for their outstanding contributions to their family, school, community, and the Boys & Girls Club, as well as their determination in overcoming personal challenges and obstacles; and

WHEREAS, a junior at Gatlinburg Pittman High School, Hannah Maurice is an active member of the Gatlinburg Branch Boys & Girls Club; Hannah was named Youth of the Year for her sound character, leadership skills, and willingness to give back to the community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being named Youth of the Year, Ms. Maurice was also awarded a \$1,250 Robert M. Ross Jr. Memorial Scholarship to support her in pursuing her dreams; and

WHEREAS, being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor Boys & Girls Club members can receive, as such recognition acknowledges the honorees as shining examples and living proof that great futures start at Boys & Girls Clubs; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Hannah Maurice, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and who should be specially recognized for their public and community service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Hannah Maurice upon being named the Boys & Girls Club of the Smoky Mountains Youth of the Year and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.